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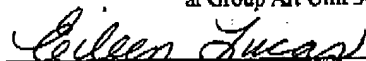
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CF4 1.114 AND AFTER
FINAL AMENDMENTS**

This reply is in response to final office action dated 8/23/2005. This reply is timely filed within three months of filing a notice of appeal on January 23, 2006 of April 23, 2006 as defined by 37 CFR 1.114(a)(3) with a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, fee under 1.17(e) and four months extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Examiner has objected to claims 18 and 19 in final office action dated 8/23/2005. In our reply of 01/23/2006 we submitted an amendment to claim 18. In continuation sheet to advisory action mailed 02/24/2006 examiner noted that our after final amendment was not entered because the status identifier was improper. Our amendment to claim 18 with proper status identifier follows.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 18 as indicated below.